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FERC RECEIVES FIRST COMPLETELY PAPERLESS FILING

In a critical step in implementing electronic filing, the Commission recently received the first electronic Form 423, through its Internet Website. Unlike the on-going pilot for comments, protests, and interventions, where filers provide paper copies along with the electronic filing, the eight utilities participating in field testing Form 423 software may file the Form 423 electronically in lieu of submitting any paper. Form 423 is filed by the regulated electric utilities to provide monthly reports on cost and quality of fuels for electric plants. Under this program, when an electronic Form 423 is filed, the filer is notified via e-mail that the filing was successfully received, and a FERC staff point of contact is notified as well.

This process of field testing software was initiated as part of the procedure for implementation for the Electronic Filing of FERC Form Nos. 423, 714, and 715. In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (RM00-1-000) issued 11/4/99, the Commission proposes to amend its regulations to provide for the electronic filing of these forms using web-based applications.

Form 423 electronic filings will be available through the Commission's Records Information Management System (RIMS), which can also be accessed via the FERC Website (www.ferc.fed.us). For more information call Bolton Pierce at (202) 208-1803.